

REMARKS

The invention relates to a method for predicting prognosis in a patient with an acute coronary syndrome. The method involves testing a body fluid from the patient for two markers using specific antibodies. One marker is cardiac Troponin-T or cardiac Troponin-I and the second marker is BNP, NT-proBNP or pro-BNP. Binding of the antibodies to the markers in the body fluid sample provides a means to determine prognosis.

Claims 23 and 24 were previously pending. Claims 25-38 have been newly added. Thus, claims 23-38 are present pending.

The amendment to claim 23 finds support throughout the application and original claims as filed. Accordingly, the amendment raises no issue of new matter. The amendment has not been made for any reason related to patentability. The new claims also are supported in the application and raise no issue of new matter.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should any matters remain outstanding, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below so that they may be resolved without the need for an additional action.

Respectfully submitted,

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